



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Sam Unger (*Original Signed By*)
Acting Chief, Regional Programs Section

DATE: June 15, 2006

SUBJECT: Notice of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Scoping Meeting for a proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) to establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Trash in the Los Angeles River Watershed

Please take notice that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) will hold a CEQA Scoping Meeting pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21083.9 to receive comments on the appropriate scope and content of the "functionally equivalent" substitute environmental documents supporting a Basin Plan amendment that would establish a new Trash TMDL and implementation plans for the Los Angeles River Watershed. The substitute environmental documents will be prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, and the State Water Resources Control Board's regulations related to its Certified Regulatory Program. (See 23 Cal. Code Regs. §3775 et seq.) The substitute environmental documents are intended to serve as planning level (Tier 1) environmental documents, consistent with Public Resources Code section 21159.

This project would supersede the previously approved Los Angeles River Trash TMDL, which can be viewed at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/bpaRes/bpa.html>. In preparing comments, commenters should anticipate that this project will include a proposed trash TMDL that:

- Assigns wasteload and load allocations of zero trash to storm water permittees;
- Assigns load allocations of zero trash to nonpoint sources;
- Will be implemented through phased annual reductions in trash dischargers over a period of approximately 10 years;
- Allows for deemed compliance with the zero waste load allocations if the permittees install technology that has been certified by the Regional Board as a "Full Capture Device."

Regional Board staff has not proposed any specific revisions to the previous trash TMDL to address environmental concerns as yet, but will consider any reasonable revisions that may be

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appropriate to avoid or mitigate significant or potentially significant adverse environmental effects.

Interested persons are specifically requested to provide information about:

- How they or responsible jurisdictions would foreseeably comply with the Trash TMDL;
- The reasonably foreseeable significant environmental impacts associated with those means of compliance;
- Specific evidence supporting that such impacts are reasonably foreseeable, and describing the magnitude (how significant) of the impacts;
- Reasonable alternative means of compliance that would have less significant adverse environmental impacts;
- Reasonable mitigation measures that would minimize any unavoidable significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the means of compliance.

(See Public Resources Code section 21159.)

The Scoping Meeting will be held:

DATE: Wednesday June 28, 2006

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

LOCATION: Ronald Regan Building State Office Building (Auditorium)
300 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Please contact Dr. Ginachi Amah at (213) 576-6685 if you have any questions about this matter. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.

cc: Michael Levy, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board